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OWEN COYLE

Good evening and welcome back to the Reebok again, just three days after we were last here. Greetings also to our match sponsor ETT Ltd.

We enter tonight's game on the back of a thoroughly deserved win against Derby on Tuesday.

It was always going to be a tough first home fixture of the season. We knew that we had to be ready to match Derby's endeavour and goalscoring abilities which they had shown they have during their previous league and cup games.

We created numerous chances to get ahead in the first half, accepting that Derby were a threat at times. On another day we could have had four or five goals, with their goalkeeper Frank Fielding making some excellent saves throughout the 90 minutes.

As the game wore on, we had to stay strong and together. Marvin worked very hard and young Benik benefitted from this when he came on as a second-half substitute. His movement and pace was electric and he could have had a couple of goals for himself.

In defence, we stood up well to Derby's pressure and it was pleasing to get a shut-out.

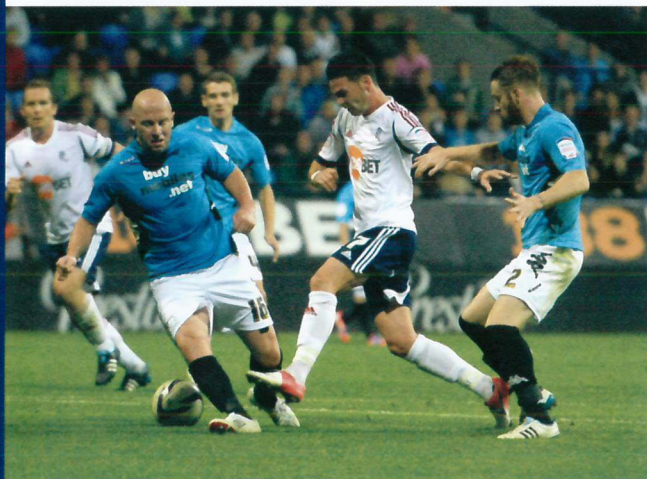
When teams come to the Reebok they are going to come with a game plan and look to make it as difficult as possible for us.

It is a demanding league and there are some very good sides in it. Teams in the Championship play at a very high intensity and have a great work ethic, and we have to be prepared to match that and adjust accordingly.

Consequently, in these opening games there are always going to be a few nervous moments, but I thought our fans were terrific on Tuesday because they were loud, vocal and really got behind the team.

It is important we have that level of support as it is of great benefit - when we have that togetherness on-and-off the pitch the Reebok will be a tough place for any visiting team.

We have had a quick turnaround and our attentions have been firmly on tonight's opponents Nottingham Forest over the last couple of days.



The skipper led from the front, as always, and took his goal very well. In midfield we coped with their movement and we saw what Mark Davies is capable of - to be fair, I felt he could have had a penalty after he went down in the box during the first half.

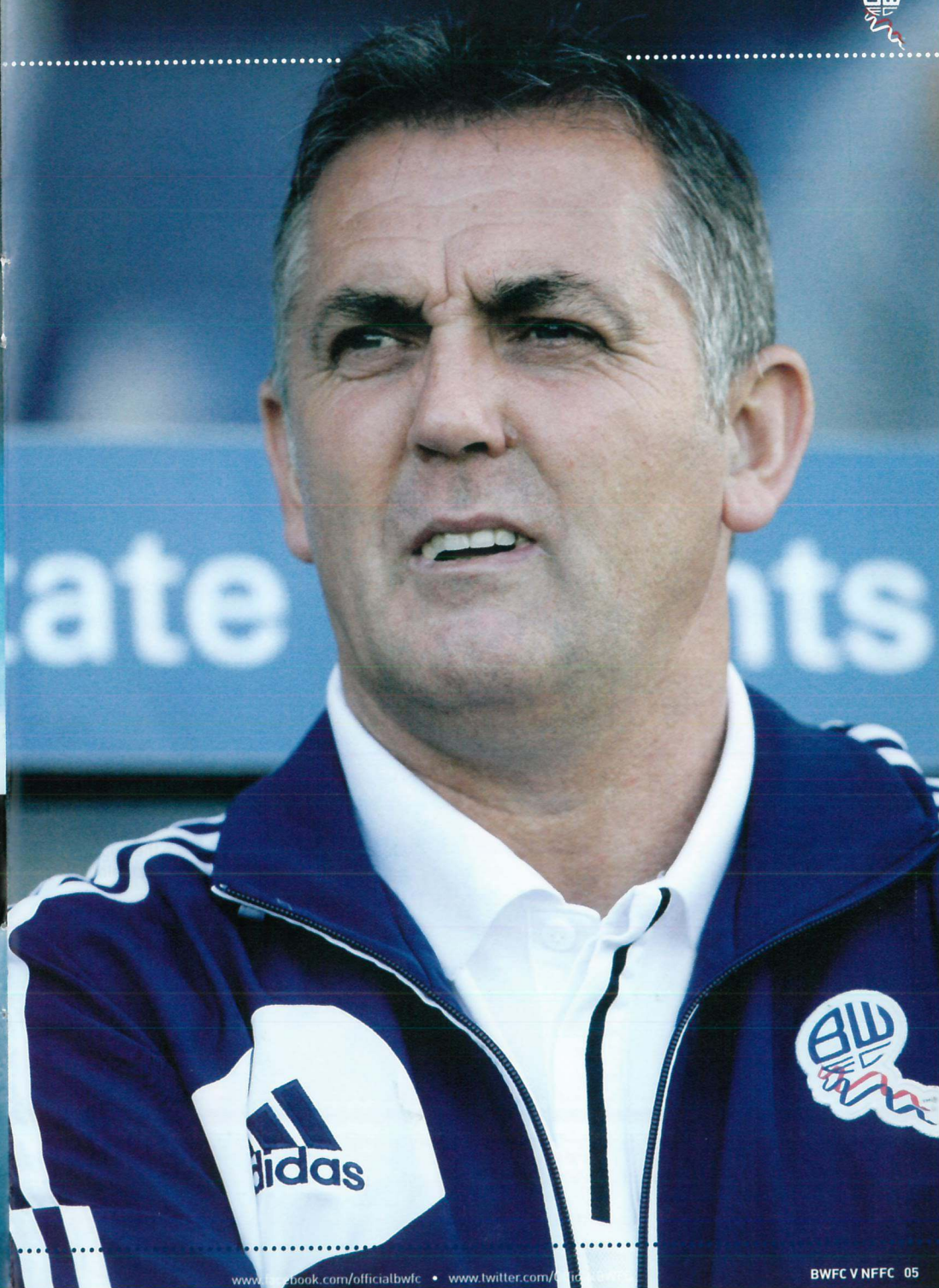
We welcome Sean O'Driscoll and his squad here this evening, knowing that we can expect another tough and challenging 90 minutes ahead of us.

Forest have made a bright start to the season and they were only denied from taking a maximum of six points from their opening two matches by a last minute goal against Huddersfield in midweek.

We know that consistency, week in week out, is the key to success in the division, but we are equally aware that we have to be prepared to work hard to make the quality in our squad count.

Thanks for coming along this evening and, as always, raise the roof.







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KEVIN DAVIES



We needed a response from last Saturday's disappointment and we got it on Tuesday evening.

As for the performance, it was the type that is needed in this division. We have to be prepared to grind teams down and if it takes up to 75 and 80 minutes to get the breakthrough, then so be it. It wasn't a pretty game but I'm confident we will settle down and play a bit more football once we have a few wins on the board.

After the Burnley match we targeted six points from these home games, so we have one of those victories in the bank. The first win was always going to be important and it takes away a bit of the pressure. Hopefully we can go on a bit of a run now and continue the form this evening against Nottingham Forest.

From what I have seen and heard, Forest have been playing some good stuff. I've a couple of friends who are fans and they told me that Forest were unlucky not to win again the other night at Huddersfield. I'm sure it will be a good game but our priority is getting the three points which, if it can be achieved, would double our current tally.

Two wins from the three matches would represent a reasonable start in the opening week. We've spoken throughout pre-season about how we need to be amongst the frontrunners from the beginning, so there's no doubt about the importance of tonight's game.

I have been having a think about the mathematics and what it will take to get promoted this season. Normally it is in the region of 90 points to go up automatically, so that averages out at about two points a game. That would mean winning about 28 games and picking up a number of draws along the way too. It's going to be difficult but we are confident that we can achieve that.

Obviously it was pleasing to score my first goal of the season in midweek and in the context of the game it proved to be quite important. Scoring goals is always better to when you get the result to go with it too. With the amount of matches this season, I'm hoping I can get a ratio of about one in three, so if I can get up towards 15 goals then it would be a decent return, accepting that there are other good forwards here fighting for their place in the team too.

I'd also like to say a word on Chung-Yong Lee. He has done very well in the first two matches of the season and you can see his confidence is returning with each passing game. I've been fortunate enough not to have any serious problems in my career, but I imagine it won't be easy for Chungy to put an injury like that to the back of his mind. We are all happy to have him back in the side because not only is he a quality player but a top lad.

Enjoy the game,



CAPTAIN'S NOTES



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DUNSCAR BREWERY BOOST THE NAT FUND



The fund for the Nat Lofthouse commemorative statue at the Reebok will be receiving a boost during the Bolton Food and Drink Festival on Bank Holiday Monday (27 August).

Bolton's biggest capacity brewery, Dunscair Bridge Brewery, which has produced two special cask beers, Lofthouse and Lion of Vienna, where 25p from every pint sold is donated to the statue fund, will be handing over a substantial cheque to Wanderers club chaplain Phil Mason.

Supporters are invited to visit the Dunscair Bridge Brewery stand on Deansgate where club mascot Lofty will also be making an appearance around lunchtime on Bank Holiday Monday.

There will be a chance to win a signed Bolton Wanderers shirt along with a 72-pint cask of Dunscair Bridge Brewery real ale for the lucky winner, with all proceeds being donated to the statue fund.

The stand will be offering tasters of six of the beers and special presentation packs of the brewery's bottled beers. An engraved Nat Lofthouse glass will also be on sale.



A raffle for a second 72-pint cask of real ale will also be held during the four-day festival for those who buy the special Nat Lofthouse bottled beer and glass packs.

Club chaplain Phil Mason said: "It's great to be working with Dunscair Bridge Brewery and we are delighted to be receiving a substantial cheque for the Nat Lofthouse Memorial Fund."

EDUCATION THROUGH SPORT SUCCESS

Bolton Wanderers recently celebrated the success of local youngsters who had completed a nationally-recognised BTEC diploma in conjunction with the football club over the course of the last year.

A total of 35 proud individuals were on hand to receive their certificates from Wanderers boss Owen Coyle, with Chairman Phil Gartside and Bolton Council Chief Executive Sean Harris also in attendance inside the stadium's Platinum Suite.

Working with the club's education department, lessons were delivered in a unique style that focuses on professionalism.

Classroom sessions were delivered at the Reebok Stadium, with a variety of practical sessions taking place at the club's Lostock-based academy and Bolton Arena.

Highlights from the course included a training session at Amir Khan's Gloves gym, games on the Reebok Stadium pitch and travelling to Sunderland to watch Wanderers' game at the Stadium of Light.



The lessons were led by head tutors Joel Kerr and Moses Sangobiya.

"It has been the proudest year of my life to have been involved with these students who have taught me such a great deal," Kerr said.

Sangobiya added: "We have had a challenging but ultimately hugely successful year. I am incredibly proud of our students and they have shown over these 12 months that they can achieve anything they set their minds to."

For more information on the club's education department www.bwfciss.co.uk

FACE IN THE CROWD

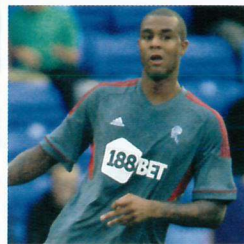


After an absence of over 15 years, the popular 'Face In The Crowd' feature returns to the matchday programme for 2012/13.

Each home game a member of the Bolton Wanderers first team squad will pick out a supporter from a random picture. Zat Knight selected this fan from our opening day fixture at Turf Moor last Saturday.

If you are this person, you have won a money can't buy prize – a limited edition replica third shirt, kindly donated by the club's kit department. To claim the prize, simply email rurbani@bwfc.co.uk

The third strip, which is only available to buy in October, got its first outing in the pre-season victory at Tranmere.



EX-WANDERER ON 3,500-MILE CYCLE RIDE

Former Wanderers favourite Robbie Elliott, who made 108 appearances in a four-year spell between 1997 and 2001, will be cycling 3,500 miles to raise funds for the Sir Bobby Robson Foundation and Breakthrough Breast Cancer this October.

'Bike For Bobby' is a cycling challenge being undertaken by Robbie and his friend Phil Gray to ride between the eight clubs, in four different countries, managed by Sir Bobby Robson.

Elliott's training stepped up a gear recently when he had his legs waxed, which is a professional cycling technique to aid massage and help prevent infections should they come off the bike.

The 38-year-old said: "We're training and working hard and it's starting to get exciting now. We always earmarked the waxing as one of the build-up things to the ride so now we know we're getting closer.

"It's really starting to take hold, what we're doing, and things are moving fast with more and more people getting on board and showing support."

Bike For Bobby will see Robbie and Phil cycle from Lisbon to Newcastle via Porto, Eindhoven, Ipswich and London (Fulham and Wembley) in less than four weeks as they pay tribute to Sir Bobby and raise funds to fight cancer.

For more information, or to donate to Bike For Bobby, please visit www.robbyelliottfoundation.com



TRAVEL CLUB'S REWARD SCHEME

For the 2012/13 season, fans who travel to away games with the Official Travel Club with new partners Swans Travel Group will have the opportunity to claim a free journey to a game of their choice in a new customer reward scheme.

With each journey booked with the Official Travel Club fans will receive a specific number of stickers to add to their collectors' card.

What's more, should Wanderers win on the road, each individual will receive a win bonus sticker to add to their collection.

Once 20 stickers have been accumulated on the collectors' card supporters, can then claim their free coach journey to an away game of their choice!

Collectors' cards and stickers will be distributed by the coach stewards, with fans entitled to the following number of stickers dependent on the destination of the relevant away game.

More information is available on page 20.



WANDERERS WELCOME KOREAN CULTURAL REPRESENTATIVE

Bolton Wanderers welcomed Miss Rose Jang, an honorary ambassador for South Korean Arts and Culture, to the club's training ground this week.



Miss Jang has been in Britain over the last month supporting the South Korean athletes at London's Olympic Games.

During her visit to the training ground, Miss Jang caught up with Chung-Yong Lee. She will also be present at the Reebok Stadium to watch Bolton tackle Nottingham Forest this evening.

Miss Jang is an internationally acclaimed Korean-American pop artist and was recently selected as one of South Korea's nine rising stars.



She has sold out many international concert venues including the Lincoln Center in the heart of New York City and Seoul Arts Center in South Korea.

CHUNG-YONG GETTING SHARPER

After Bolton registered their first win of the new season against Derby on Tuesday evening, Chung-Yong Lee believes there is much more to come from him and his fellow team-mates.

For the South Korean, his 90-minute outing in midweek was of a great personal significance as it was the first time in 16 months that the flying winger had completed full back-to-back games after a prolonged period on the sidelines following a leg break.

"Personally, after my injury, I feel okay," Chung-Yong said. "Pre-season was very good for me to play games. Now we are only two games into the league season. We all know it is going to be a marathon and are looking forward to it."

"I'm enjoying my football and I am happy. All the squad believe in each other. We know we have the quality to get back to the Premier League."

"Against Derby, we play not bad. After the skipper score, we get confidence and made some good play. I think as each game we play, the better we are getting. The fans were very loud and it is nice to play in the Reebok Stadium again."

"If we win again when we play Nottingham, we will start to get a lot of points."



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BENIK AFOBE



NATURAL BORN GOALSCORER

WORDS: ROB URBANI

SHARP-SHOOTER BENIK AIMS TO BLAZE A TRAIL DURING HIS TIME AT THE REEBOK

Benik Afobe has a maturity beyond his 19 years. For someone who is still a teenager, he has already experienced situations that many footballers won't come close to in their entire career.

The on-loan Arsenal man has represented his country at three different age groups, tasted the disappointment of a play-off final defeat and enjoyed the highs of winning a Championship title. With this in mind, it's easy to forget that he has only just entered his third season in league football.

Speaking at length to the official matchday programme, the articulate and knowledgeable youngster tracks his career to date, explaining how he gave up school to pursue his dream and how the best footballer in England has helped him along the way.

Benik, you are only 19 but you seem to have achieved so much in your career so far. Tell us how you first got a start at Arsenal.

I was playing for my local team in Essex, a club called Chadwell Heath. I was involved in a tournament and I just went there as a six-year-old to play football. I managed to score something like 17 goals in five games and a Charlton scout approached my dad in the middle of the competition asking to take me on trial.

My dad told them no and when I asked him about that several years later, he said that he rejected their offer because he

always felt that I was good enough to play for a top, top side. As it turned out, we reached the final and I scored. After we had won the tournament a representative from Arsenal called Gary Nott said he would like me to go on trial because he said I had the potential to play at Arsenal one day, even though I was just six years old at that time.

I remember going in August and there were hundreds of boys. Training lasted about two weeks and then the numbers got cut down to 16 players and I was lucky enough to be one of those. That was Under-7 level and I've worked my way through the ranks from there. At the age of 15, I left school early to go full-time with Arsenal.

So did that mean you sacrificed studying for your GCSEs to pursue the dream of a career in football?

Yes, it was a big decision. My family and I thought about it for a very long time, but we all felt that if I was to have any chance of becoming a top player then I would need the extra training.

I had the opportunity to train with the reserves and first team at such a young age, and I'd like to think that even now I have benefitted from that.

Although I was 15, I was playing with the Under-18s at that age and I scored 11 goals in 13 appearances. The next year, when I was 16 and a first-year scholar, I scored 20 goals in 23 games. Then, when I was a second-year scholar I went on loan at Huddersfield, despite being 17. ►

No matter at what level, that's a very impressive goals-to-game ratio. You seem to have scored goals ever since the day you started playing.

I had a coach when I was younger called Steve Leonard and he always used to say to me that I should dream of scoring goals. Whether it be inside the box or outside the box, as a striker I should dream of scoring goals.

As a youngster I used to watch the likes of Ian Wright, Thierry Henry and Michael Owen online on YouTube. I made an effort to watch the best strikers around the world to see how they did things in certain situations.

Training with Arsenal reserves and first team, that must have been an amazing experience for someone so young?

Of course. As a youngster, training with older, more experienced and better players can only help me. Even if you don't think that you are benefitting at the time, you are without realising. You learn from seeing how senior players are around the changing room, on the training pitches and in match situations.

Before he left to join Manchester United, Robin van Persie took me under his wing when I was injured last season. When he first came to Arsenal in 2004, he struggled with a lot of injury problems, but he worked hard to overcome them and become a world-class player.

He has been brilliant for the last two years, although he is now 29-years-old. It shows that you are never the finished article, plus he was telling me that even now he has certain areas of his game that he would like to improve on.

When I heard a someone of that stature saying those things, it made me think to myself that I have so much ahead of me and there is plenty of time for me to work on my game and become the best player that I possibly can.

When you say that that van Persie 'took you under his wing', did he always show an interest in you and follow your progress closely?

Absolutely. He would always tell me if I wasn't focused. There was an instance in pre-season when we were doing a possession drill and if you lost control of the ball then you would go in the middle and try to win it back. I was in the middle quite a lot and Robin shouted, telling me that I need to keep my concentration and come into training and give 100 percent because that's what is needed to fulfil your potential.



After that moment, I had a good think to myself. He didn't need to tell me that or show as much interest, but he did. He has done a couple of interviews and said that he thinks I've got the potential to be top-class player, so that means a lot. I have a lot of respect for him.

You mentioned it a bit earlier – how did you enjoy your first taste of league football with Huddersfield during the 2010/11 season?

No disrespect to reserve team football, but a young player will come to a stage when he needs to be playing the real thing.

At Huddersfield, I scored eight and assisted ten in 20 starts. I also made 12 substitute appearances because when I first joined I mostly played from the bench until I established myself in the team and started games week in week out.

During that time I felt I became more mature, both on the pitch and off it. I lived alone in Yorkshire whilst all my family and friends were back down in London. I had to make new mates because all my life I had been with Arsenal. Although it was strange at first, I really enjoyed it all.

I think it helped that I made my debut on the day I joined. It was away at Sheffield Wednesday and I have to say that it was one of the best games I have ever played in. I knew no-one's name and I came on for the last 30 minutes, giving it my all. The fans took to me straightaway and I got the impression that the players thought to themselves 'this kid has got a bit about him'.

As a 17-year-old, eight goals in your first season in league football is a decent return. Were you pleased with that tally?

Yes, particularly as I was playing as a second striker. My job was mainly to assist and I think I helped to provide Jordan Rhodes with eight goals during that season. We had a good partnership - Jordan's a nice lad who has done really well over the last 12 months.

I recall one game against Rotherham and I scored two goals. Those were my first at that level, so I will always remember them. For me, that time with Huddersfield was all about improving and strengthening my body. It was seeing if I could cope when playing against grown men, and I felt that I did that.



Last season was a bit of a mixed bag. You missed half or the campaign with injury but tasted success in May with Reading when they won the Championship. How would you describe those 12 months?



It doesn't matter how old you are – every footballer wants to be playing and last season I couldn't do that.

Last August I was part of the Arsenal team in the Emirates Cup. I was buzzing because I made my debut against New York Red Bulls and won man of the match.

I was called into the first team squad for the opening home game of the season at Liverpool and there was a real chance that I would be involved, possibly on the bench. However, three days before that I featured in a reserve game against Manchester United and in the first ten minutes I felt my hip go.

In my mind, all I was hoping was that I could be fit for the Saturday but I went for scan and the medical team told me that I would be out for at least four months. I thought they were crazy because I could actually walk relatively okay.

Things didn't get better, however, and I went for a scan two weeks later and it showed that the injury had got worse. I'd been doing a bit in the gym and on the bike, but I was told that I had to stop everything and do nothing for three months.

I would go to the training ground and just sit there. I didn't feel like a sportsman – I put on weight and was out of shape, but what could I do when I was told to do nothing for that length of time?

When I returned to training in December, I had lost a bit of pace and was rusty. Up until February, all I did was running to get my fitness and sharpness back. I was out for exactly six months by the time I returned to training with the first team.

I made my comeback with the reserve team against Norwich and I scored, although things didn't go to plan at first! We got a penalty and the lads let me take it because of what I'd been through, but I missed – I thought I'd fluffed my big moment! Luckily I did get a goal later on though and we won 5-0. It was a great feeling to be back on the scoresheet.

The week after, I played 90 minutes in another reserve match against Liverpool. I did really well that day and the Reading manager Brian McDermott came to watch. The next day, I got

the call saying that they wanted to take me on loan, so I went out there on the 22 March and played three games.

How did you find your time at the Madjeski Stadium because Reading really were on the crest of a wave at that point in the season?

Being a part of the squad was amazing, especially knowing that I could help the club get back into the Premier League. Playing for a team that is winning games on a regular basis is something you dream of when you are a youngster. There was a strong bond with the team there and the players made it easy for me to settle in.

Obviously you spent part of this pre-season back with Arsenal. How did you think you played in their friendlies before joining us here a few weeks ago?

Before pre-season started, I had the Under-19 European Championships in June. We played against Czech Republic in the first group game and we drew 1-1. In the second we beat Serbia 2-1 and I scored, which was pleasing. And in the third match – a 2-1 win over France – I was rested because we were already through to the semi-finals. I scored against Greece in the semi-final but we lost 2-1 after extra time, so our tournament ended at that stage.

I came back to Arsenal and played three matches on their tour to the Far East. To be honest, I was pretty disappointed I didn't score in those games because I could have had three or four goals. The boss Arsene Wenger was really pleased with how I had come back from my injury and said that I was looking like the player I was before. That meant a lot to me.

And finally Benik, what have you made to your start here with Bolton?

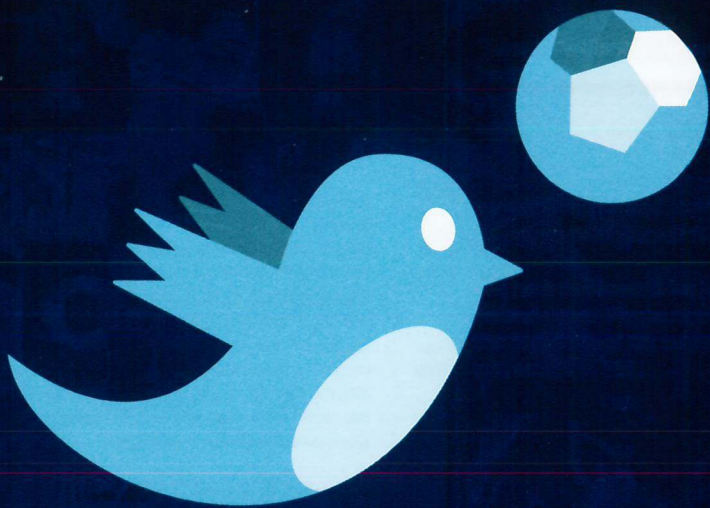
I have say thank-you to the gaffer here because he has already given me a lot of confidence. He has got faith in young players and he likes to give people a chance.

I see a lot of similarities in him and the gaffer at Arsenal. They believe that if you are good enough then you are old enough. Everyone gets a fair opportunity and perhaps that isn't the case at other clubs where players might do well in training but don't get the opportunity to play.



Another good thing here is the strength in depth. There aren't just 11 or 12 players, there is a whole squad who think they are good enough to be playing. To be a top team in the Championship that is what you need and hopefully now we can go out and get the results that show that.

I want the team to get promoted and for me to have scored my fair share of goals. I want to enjoy my time here and grow as a player and person – that would be the perfect scenario.



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HULL CITY V BOLTON WANDERERS

SATURDAY 1 SEPTEMBER, 2012, 3.00PM KICK-OFF



ON THE ROAD



Capacity of the KC Stadium: 25,404

Miles from the Reebok to the KC Stadium and back: 206

The number of points Hull City recorded at home last season: 40

After spending the last two seasons in the Championship, Hull City will be harbouring ambitions to return to the top flight in 2012/13 following their brief flirtation with the Premier League between 2008 and 2010.

Former Wanderers assistant boss Phil Brown was the man to take them into the promised land after they beat Bristol City in the play-off final. This time the Tigers faithful will be hoping new leader Steve Bruce can do the same.

Bruce, 51, was appointed as

manager earlier this summer following the departure of previous boss Nicky Barmby. It's the seventh club that the former central defender has managed, following his spells at Sheffield United, Huddersfield Town, Wigan Athletic, Crystal Palace, Birmingham City and Sunderland.

Two notable recruits that Bruce has made this summer are powerhouse defender Abdoulaye Faye from West Ham United and pacey forward Sone Aluko from Rangers.

Last Time We Were There...

The previous encounter between the Tigers and Wanderers at the KC Stadium took place just over three years ago in August 2009. The match



was decided by the solitary goal, with a Kamel Ghilas strike in the second half ensuring that the home side took all three points.

Stadium: The Kingston Communications Stadium

Address: The Circle, Walton Street, Hull, HU3 6HU

Telephone: 01482 504 600

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Parking: The KC Stadium has its own big car park right next to the stadium, with access from Walton Street. It is floodlit, with a covered tarmac surface and open to home and away supporters alike. The cost is £5 per car. Alternatively there is a Park & Ride facility in the city centre, signposted off the A63.

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Where To Drink: The Brickmakers pub virtually opposite the stadium car park entrance allows in away fans. The nearby Walton Street Social Club that also admits visiting supporters.

TOP TEN

TOUGH GUYS

WORDS: MARK HEYS

Stuart Pearce MBE is one name that immediately springs to mind when you look back through the rich history of tonight's opponents Nottingham Forest. The England Under-21 and Great Britain Olympic coach spent 12 years at the City Ground playing just over 400 matches, also winning 78 caps for his country.

In this issue we take a look at ten random players from Bolton's past/present who, like Pearce, did not shirk away from the rough and tumble of the game. Some may not have given long service or reached the international pinnacle but they certainly knew how to put a shift in.

Nat Lofthouse OBE (1939-1961)

Where better to start than a man who gave his all for club and country during a distinguished career. Nat's experience in working as a bevin boy down the mines certainly helped to turn him into a tough, but fair, centre forward during his 482 games with the Wanderers.

His strength, aerial ability, and sharpness on the ground made him one of the best strikers of his generation. He was quite rightly crowned as the 'Lion of Vienna' due to him treading where others dared in an England fixture against Austria in 1952, scoring his second of the game and injuring himself in the process for the sake of the Three Lions.



He remains one of Bolton's most favourite sons having scored a record 285 goals and a statue is currently in the process of being made in this honour. This will be situated outside the Reebok Stadium.

Tommy Banks (1948-1961)

Nat's team-mate and fellow local boy Tommy Banks was a very similar no holds barred player to Pearce. Tommy appeared in over 200 games as a Bolton player and took over the left-back jersey from his brother Ralph to earn a more regular place in Bill Ridding's side.



Like the fellow Bolton greats Hopkinson, Lofthouse, Hartle, Parry, Stevens and Holden et al, he played in the 1958 FA Cup Final win over Manchester United also won six caps for England in the same year.

Roy Hartle (1951-1966)

On the other flank to Banks at Burnden Park more often than not was Roy Hartle and he was equally as intimidating to visiting wingers. Tough tackling Roy, still



very much a prominent figure at Bolton these days, would put fear into players up and down the land during nearly half a century of games at the club. Like Lofthouse and Banks, the Wanderers were his only professional club.

Kevin Davies (2003-present)

A modern day figure who epitomises the fighting spirit of those great players from the past is current club captain Kevin Davies. At present, the big-centre forward has passed 300 games during his time at the football club and has also taken part in two European campaigns and a domestic cup final.



Many say Davo used to give away the most fouls in the Premier League but former manager Sam Allardyce once counteracted that claim by using OPTA to prove that he was also one of, if not the most, fouled player in the league due to his presence and strength in and around the penalty box.

At the end of this season Kevin will have completed a decade of service with the club and that kind of loyalty is rare to see in this era.

Gerry Taggart (1995-1998)

For Bolton to get promoted in 1997 they needed strong characters and winners and Ulster centre-half Gerry Taggart had both of those qualities.

The Northern Ireland international was eager to repay the club for an injury-hit first season after becoming the club's first ever million pound player when moving from Barnsley.



His performances throughout 1996/97 campaign alongside the equally excellent Chris Fairclough were as much a reason for the Championship success as John McGinlay and Nathan Blake's goals or Michael Johansen and Per Frandsen's assists.

Good in the air and strong in the tackle, Tags is now working alongside his former Leicester City team-mate Paul Dickov as assistant manager at nearby Oldham Athletic.



Paul Warhurst (1998-2003)

Joining Bolton shortly after Taggart left for Leicester was Paul Warhurst, and but for injury this superb tackler and passer of the ball would have won many caps for England at a time when they needed fresh talent coming through.

Playing at the heart of the defence or defensive midfield during his five years as a Wanderer, Warhurst also had a spell as a striker during his Sheffield Wednesday days and was part of the Blackburn Rovers team which won the Premier League in 1995.

Injuries somewhat predictably robbed him of making more of an impact at the Reebok but he was part of the Bolton team which won promotion 11 years ago and also played in both of the Wanderers' memorable back-to-back wins over Manchester United at Old Trafford.

Gerry McElhinney (1980-1985)

Like fellow countryman Taggart, McElhinney was a centre-half and nearly went to the 1982 World Cup with his country, however, inexperience at international and club level meant that he didn't make the final cut of Billy Bingham's squad.



Making over a century of appearances in a Wanderers shirt, the Derry-born defender took the long road to get to Burnden Park with spells in his homeland, America and as a reserve at Scottish giants Celtic.

Prior to making it as a football player, McElhinney also played Gaelic football and took part in boxing bouts at middleweight and light-heavyweight levels.



Stig Tofting (2002-2003)

Another player to dabble in the boxing world was Stig Tofting but only after he had retired from football. The 'Lawnmower' didn't play many games at Bolton but his interesting past endeared him to the supporters and made him a cult figure.

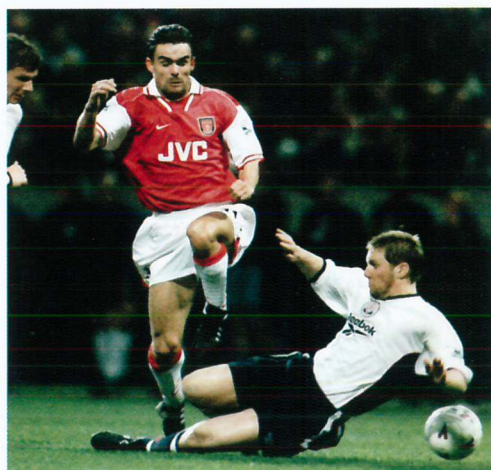
Stig was a midfielder with over 300 games' worth of experience of the Danish and German leagues over a 15-year period, but his year plus stay with Wanderers proved to be his only flirtation with the English game and he made just 17 appearances at the Reebok.

He later became assistant coach to former Bolton manager Colin Todd at Danish club Randers.

Andy Todd (1995-1999)

Todd junior was part of the Bolton side to achieve promotion in 1997 and injuries to both Taggart and Fairclough allowed him to form a useful central defensive partnership with the South African Mark Fish in the Reebok's debut season.

Like his father Colin, he was a good reader of the game but unlike his father he never received international honours despite playing the majority of his career in the top flight with Middlesbrough, Bolton, Charlton Athletic, Blackburn Rovers and Derby County.



Sam Allardyce (1973-1980, 1985-1986 & 1999-2007)

Davies, Warhurst, Todd and Tofting all played under Allardyce during his spell as manager at the club and their attributes fitted in with the 'hard to beat' style which the former centre-half likes his teams to play.



A handy centre-half himself during his playing days, Big Sam formed a good partnership at the heart of the Wanderers defence with Paul Jones, and the club's reward was to lift the Second Division championship in 1978.

Two spells as a player and a seven-and-a-half year stay in charge meant that Allardyce amassed nearly two decades service at Bolton.

ANTHONY BARNESS

RELIABLE RIGHT-BACK ANTHONY BARNESS TALKS TO THE OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME ABOUT LIFE AFTER FOOTBALL

WORDS: ASHLEY LAMBELL

Most people believe that when professional footballers end their careers in the beautiful game, they either head straight into coaching and management or they spend days in the sun playing endless rounds of golf.

For ex-Wanderers defender Anthony Barnes, however, that rule couldn't have been any different, with his life after football certainly not following the typical path.

Instead of still being involved in the game, Barnes now balances three different jobs as well as being a full-time father of two.

He explained: "I've always known that I didn't want to get into coaching or management because I know that it just isn't for me. I still enjoy playing football of course but I wouldn't want to have to be the first man at training, the last one to leave and the one who has to pick the team.

"Now I work at three different venues throughout the week - I do electrical testing for a construction company, do some admin work in the office for that and also run my own tiling business, so I'm always fairly busy!"

During his time at the Reebok Stadium, Barnes' schedule was equally as hectic as he made 93 appearances during a five-year spell in Lancashire. The defender admitted it was an easy choice to join Wanderers back in 2000.

He recalled: "I wasn't getting much chance of a game at Charlton Athletic and a number of teams came in to try and sign me, one of which was Bolton.

"At the time I knew both Robbie Elliott and Andy Todd who had played for Bolton and after travelling up and seeing the stadium, I was really impressed and just knew it was the place for me.

"I remember one season under Sam Allardyce, we were doing well in the league and the manager said that if we won the next game on the Saturday then we could be off until the next Thursday. We went out and won that game so he gave us the same incentive for the final four games of the season and we won all of those as well!"

"The coaching staff at the club were also a massive help to my career. I felt like I needed to be pushed and encouraged and they did that. They were great staff and in my mind they really helped to improve me as a player and as a person."





When asked about his most memorable appearance for Bolton Wanderers, Barness had no hesitation in casting his mind back to 2001 and a certain game in Cardiff.

He enthused: "My favourite game has to be the play-off final when we beat Preston 3-0. Even getting through the semi-final was so intense and then the build-up to the final was massive. We went away as a squad for five days in the lead-up to the game so it was like nothing we'd ever experienced before.

"It was a brilliant day out and every single player had about 20 members of friends and family there to support them, so to actually win the game was a superb feeling.

"We had a huge celebration afterwards but it took a few days for what we had achieved to really sink in and for us to realise that we would be playing in the Premier League!" ►





As much as the club's play-off success sticks in the mind of Barness, there is also one former Wanderers player that captured his imagination and remains etched in his thoughts.

He explained: "Jay-Jay Okocha was the best player that I played with during my time at Bolton, he really was superb. He had the skills and the tricks as everyone knows, but he also had the character and the passion to go with it.

"He was such a hard-worker in training and he was respected by all of the players at the club which was why he was made captain in the end.

"He was never a passenger for the team and he always put in a performance as well as having the impressive skills to go with it, which was why he was such a top player."

After spending years playing in London, Barness also admitted it was good to play in a smaller town and said he received plenty of support from fans both on and off the pitch, even in shopping centres around the area.

He said: "The supporters at Bolton are absolutely brilliant and really passionate about

their football. They always appreciated players who worked hard and even though I wasn't a star player, they always gave me their support because they saw me giving my all to the cause.

"I spent five fantastic years at Bolton but towards the end of my time there I just wasn't getting games because the club were becoming a stronger force in the Premier League.

"The manager wanted me to stay for another year and be a squad player but I wanted to be playing regular games so sadly I had to go."

The next destination for the Lewisham-born defender was Plymouth Argyle, before spending the final days of his career with Lewes up until retirement in 2011.





Whilst he is no longer involved directly in the game, Barness continues to keep a watchful eye on football up and down the country, particularly the events and happenings at his former clubs.

"It is important that Bolton try and get back into the Premier League at the first attempt so that they don't start to lose their top players," the 39-year-old continued.

"I was surprised to see Jussi (Jaaskelainen) leave the club as he seemed to have been there forever. But if he wasn't playing games then he would have felt it important for him to move to somewhere where he can do that, and I'm sure Adam Bogdan will continue to do a good job as the number one goalkeeper. He was impressive from what I saw of him in the second-half of last season.

"I've always wanted to get back up north and see a game but with a young family and living down south, it has been difficult. But this season is the one, I will definitely be at the Reebok for a game this year!"

As for how Barness views the modern game, compared to when he first started out as a professional in the early 1990s, he believes it is now in transition.

He said: "Players are physically stronger and faster now compared to when I was playing. When I was involved, only the Premier League teams had nutrition and sports science experts but now that has spread all the way down to the Football League!"

"Some players are on ridiculous wages nowadays and salaries are continuing to rise, to the point where they want £110,000 a week rather than only £95,000. As usual it is the players who are in power and with billionaire owners dictating what happens at football clubs, I don't know when these rising wages will start to level off."

But for Barness, the important factor is educating young players properly so that they can have a life after their footballing careers have ended, something he wishes he had done.

He continued: "Football is never boring and I had 18 great years playing the game, but looking back now, I realise I should have studied something whilst I was playing in order to give myself a future.

"My dad always said that I could become a professional footballer on the condition that I studied something else in case I needed something to fall back on. Unfortunately I didn't listen to him and then when my career ended, I had a bit of a panic as to what to do next.

"I played part-time at Lewes for a few years but then enrolled on a few different courses to try and give myself a proper career. I now do bits and pieces with electrics and tiling in the hope that it might lead somewhere as a future career."



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FAN PHOTOS



Stuart Obertelli has dug out this photograph from many moons ago. Here he is, pictured with Super John McGinlay when he was just five years old.



Jonathan McCaul had his snap taken with Chris Eagles at Wanderers's game at Craven Cottage last season.



Katie Fitton recently bumped into Wanderers boss Owen Coyle ahead of the pre-season friendly at Morecambe.



Simone Taylor from Lostock enjoyed the recent Family Fun Day at the Reebok, meeting her favourite players Kevin Davies and Martin Petrov.



Suzie Cantillon has sent in this photo of her younger brother with Greek Euro 2004 winner and former Bolton winger Stelios.



Prior to the pre-season friendly against FC Barcelona B, **Sarah Hynes** grabbed new signing Benik Afobe for a quick snap as he made his way into the Reebok.



Todd Robinson met Scottish duo John McGinlay and Owen Coyle on Bolton's pre-season tour to America in 2010. Todd was allowed to watch a training session ahead of the game against Charleston Battery at Blackbauld Stadium.



1959/60 SEASON

WORDS: MARTIN DEAN

THE YEAR WHEN NAT LOFTHOUSE'S ABSENCE PROVED TO BE THE MISSING LINK



Dennis Stevens scoring against West Ham United

As the new season was approaching there was a good atmosphere around Bolton Wanderers and the town in general, with season tickets sales at their best for many a year. A joint-third position the previous season was the best finish since 1924/25.

Bill Ridding, Bolton manager, spoke about the forthcoming campaign. "The Wanderers is a happy club and the secret of our success is simple," he said.

"First-class work on-and-off the playing pitch, team work between chairman, directors, officials, staff, players, down to the paying public and our loyal supporters. This is a club of which I'm proud to be the manager."

Ridding also stated: "There are many up and coming youngsters fighting for places at Burnden Park, and they will get their chances when the time is right."

Those words were true, as many were others used throughout the coming season.

Problems arose early, as the great Nat Lofthouse was injured in training before the season had even commenced. This injury cost the Whites dear as the final league table showed.

Only one win in the first six games was a poor return, however, more concerning was that only twice in those matches Wanderers hit the back of the net.

During the month of September came a 5-1 victory over West Ham United at Burnden, one of those goals scored by Tommy Banks - his first for the club in over 200 appearances.

From October towards Christmas, a run which started with a 1-0 victory over Sheffield Wednesday, saw only two defeats out of 12, including victories over Chelsea, Newcastle United and Tottenham Hotspurs all on away soil.

However, during this time left-back Tommy Banks sustained an ankle injury during a friendly match at Hibernian, thus being unavailable for the most of the season. In Syd Farrimond there was an able deputy, a local lad who had modelled his game on Tommy Banks.

Then Bryan Edwards, a player who had only missed two games in three seasons, broke a leg in training. There did seem to be a hoodoo hovering over the club.



One bright note was Ray Parry becoming the ninth Wanderer since the war to win an England cap when he played against Ireland at Wembley in November. It was his first of two career appearances for the Three Lions.

As Christmas approached there was a double header against Wolverhampton Wanderers. It was a fixture that always brought excitement, particularly this season as Wolves came to Burnden as league champions for the last two seasons and once more in the running for the title.

A Boxing Day crowd of 36,000 saw Wanderers collect both points. On the scoresheet were Roy Hartle (penalty) and Dennis Stevens who was finding his feet in the absence of Nat Lofthouse. The return game two days later saw a Brian Birch strike earn a 1-0 victory as Bolton became the first side to win under the famous Molineux floodlights.

A mention must be made to the players who filled in through this injury crisis, notably Graham Stanley, Neville Bannister and Welsh International Malcolm Edwards.

As always, the draw for the FA Cup was eagerly anticipated. The outcome was a local derby against Bury at Gigg Lane and a record crowd of 35,000 crammed into the ground to see a 1-1 stalemate. The replay four days later at Burnden Park was a hard-fought encounter and saw the Wanderers finally see off the Shakers 4-2 after extra time, with 43,616 witnessing an excellent cup tie.

In the fourth round, a 2-0 defeat at the hands of West Bromwich Albion in the Black Country, brought the FA Cup run to an end, although Wanderers took a huge support to the Midlands.

It was back to the league and, after the dreadful start, the form had completely transformed. A remarkable sequence of 19 games, from October 3 to February 13, included just three defeats.

As if the club hadn't suffered enough with injuries, goalkeeper Eddie Hopkinson fractured his shinbone in training, ending his season. His number two Joe Dean then played only one full match before dislocating his shoulder at Hillsborough in a 1-0 defeat. As a result, Derek Henin took over in goal for the remainder of the game against Sheffield Wednesday.

Wanderers immediately went out and opened the cheque book by signing Johnny Bolland from Sunderland. He made a winning debut in a local derby against future champions Burnley, as Hartle and Birch hit the goals in a true Lancashire hotpot.

By the middle of March, Bolton had moved up to fifth place, some achievement after all the upsets. John Higgins' suspension of three weeks failed to break the spirit and will of the re-arranged team. Dick Oxtoby, Graham Cunliffe and Peter Deakin made crucial contributions which ran to the season's end, with a trio of wins over Manchester City, Chelsea and Leicester City bringing the campaign to its conclusion.

To end up with 48 points from 42 games was a credit to all at the club. As the table shows it could have been different, however football is full of its and buts. Nat Lofthouse surely would have made a difference.

League Table										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Burnley	42	24	7	11	85	61	55			
Wolverhampton W	42	24	6	12	106	67	54			
Tottenham Hotspur	42	21	11	10	86	59	53			
West Bromwich Albion	42	19	11	12	63	57	49			
Sheffield Wednesday	42	19	11	12	50	59	49			
Bolton Wanderers	42	20	8	14	59	51	48			
Manchester United	42	19	7	16	102	89	45			
Newcastle United	42	18	8	16	62	75	44			
Preston North End	42	16	12	14	79	76	44			
Fulham	42	17	10	15	73	80	44			
Blackpool	42	15	10	17	59	71	40			
Leicester City	42	13	13	16	66	75	39			
Arsenal	42	15	9	18	68	60	39			
West Ham United	42	16	6	20	75	91	38			
Everton	42	13	11	18	73	78	37			
Manchester City	42	17	3	22	78	84	37			
Blackburn Rovers	42	16	5	21	70	79	37			
Chelsea	42	14	9	19	76	91	37			
Birmingham City	42	13	10	19	63	89	36			
Nottingham Forest	42	15	9	20	50	74	35			
Leeds United	42	12	10	20	65	92	34			
Luton Town	42	9	12	21	50	73	30			



Syd Farrimond (right) making a goaline clearance during the 1959/60 season



BOLTON WANDERERS 5 ARSENAL 1

Wanderers' Under-18s started their new campaign in spectacular fashion last weekend, comprehensively beating their Arsenal counterparts at the Lostock Academy.

TOM YOUNGS: ON TARGET TWICE AGAINST THE GUNNERS



Milk Cup Golden Boot winner Zach Clough opened the scoring with a low drive from the edge of the area after some sloppy defending from the north London outfit.

Elliot Newby then doubled Bolton's lead in spectacular style. As Arsenal cleared the ball from a set piece, Newby displayed incredible technique

to strike a full volley from all of 30 yards into Arsenal 'keeper Josh Vickers' far corner.

Early in the second period Clough added Bolton's third, capping a slick passing move with a delicate finish, before helping create the fourth moments later.

Clough lashed a free-kick goalwards which Vickers failed to hold, with Tom Youngs on hand to convert the rebound from close range.

The diminutive frontman Clough continued to impress and was unlucky not to net what would have been a hat-trick goal with a looping long-ranger that came back off the bar.

Youngs added his second and Bolton's fifth from the penalty spot, before the Gunners netted a late consolation through Jon Toral.

Under-18s Head Coach David Lee was understandably pleased with his players' efforts, saying: "We started very well and put pressure on Arsenal at every opportunity. Overall, it was a pleasing opening performance.

"Another positive to take was that Georgi Iliev, Niall Maher and Dylan Wolstenholme were all promoted to the Development Squad and played at the Emirates last Monday evening."

Wanderers: Ole-Sievers, Bailey, Holding, Maher (Gibson 60), Matthews, Woodland, Wolstenholme (Hendrie 46), Youngs, Newby, Iliev (Barlow 46), Clough

DATE	OPPONENT	KO	VENUE
Sat 25 Aug 2012	Norwich City	11:00	A
Sat 01 Sep 2012	West Ham United	11:00	H
Sat 15 Sep 2012	Blackburn Rovers	11:00	H
Sat 22 Sep 2012	Reading	11:00	A
Sat 29 Sep 2012	Everton	11:00	H
Sat 06 Oct 2012	West Brom	11:00	A
Sat 20 Oct 2012	West Ham United	11:00	A
Sat 27 Oct 2012	Norwich City	11:00	H
Sat 03 Nov 2012	Arsenal	11:00	A
Sat 10 Nov 2012	Reading	11:00	H
Sat 17 Nov 2012	Blackburn Rovers	11:00	A
Sat 24 Nov 2012	Everton	11:00	A
Sat 01 Dec 2012	West Brom	11:00	H

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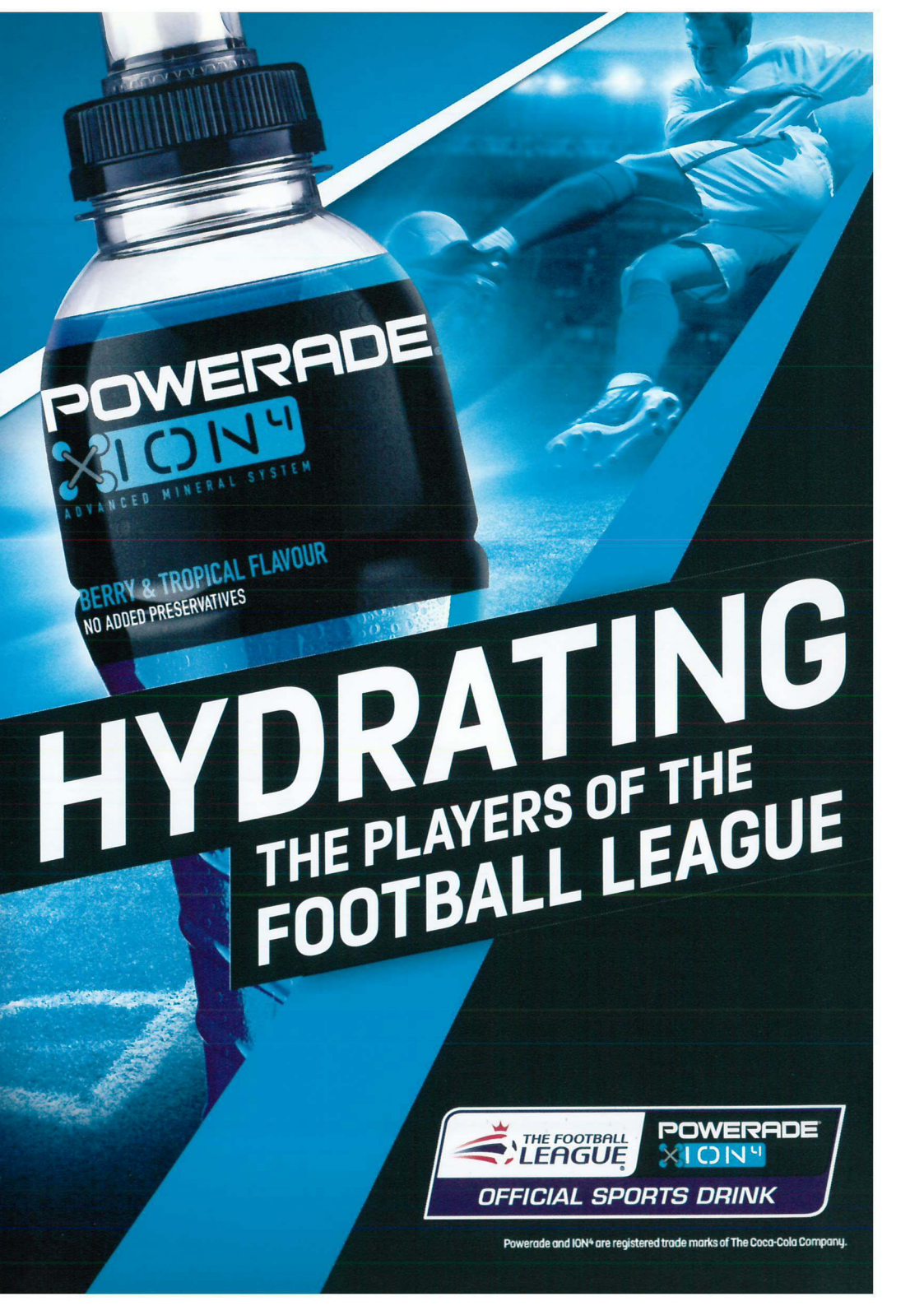
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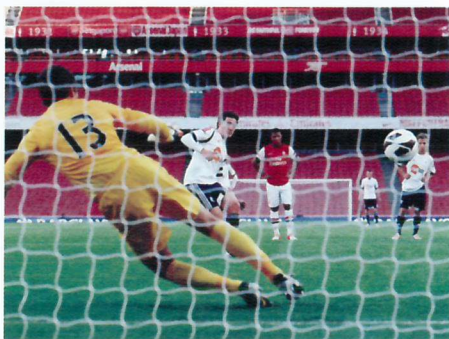
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Wanderers' Development Squad turned in a gutsy performance but were ultimately unable to hold onto a goal lead against a strong Arsenal side in their season opener at the Emirates Stadium on Monday evening.

In front of an impressive 4,374 crowd, John Henry's team weathered an early storm before turning the game on its head on 25 minutes.

Winger Chris Lester raced clear before being illegally halted by Gunners' keeper Damian Martinez. Referee Paul Harris wasted no time in pointing to the spot before delving into his top pocket to pull out a red card for the Argentine stopper.

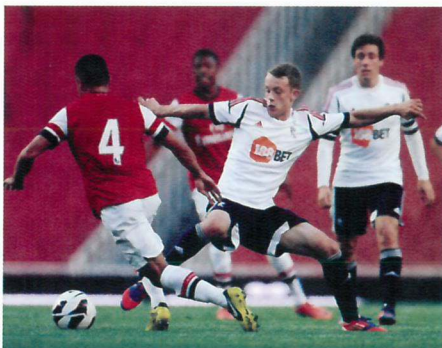


Skipper Adam Blakeman coolly dispatched the resulting kick beyond replacement goalkeeper James Shea to send Wanderers into a somewhat unexpected lead.

For the remainder of the half Bolton made the most of the numerical advantage, carving out a series of clear-cut opportunities.

On one particular occasion Tom Eaves was twice denied from close range by a fine double reflex save from Shea.

Having regrouped at the interval, Arsenal suddenly began to demonstrate their prowess.



There was a stroke of good fortune about the home side's leveller, with German youngster Thomas Eisfeld on hand to dispatch a loose ball after Chuba Akpom had rattled a post.

Then, as ten men had their tails up, they took the lead just after the hour mark.

Conor Henderson flighted a 25-yard free-kick around the Bolton wall and into Jay Lynch's bottom corner.

Bolton pressed forward in search of an equaliser but were caught out at the back when the referee awarded a spot kick for the second time.

After Jernade Meade had been bundled over in the area, Henderson stepped up to convert from 12 yards to seal the points for the home side.

Wanderers: Lynch, Maher, Kellett, McQuade, Threlkeld, Blakeman, Lester (Sampson 75), Kelly (Odelusi 46), Eaves, Wolstenhome, Iliev (Unused substitutes: Fielding, Hampson, Dennis)

DATE	OPPONENT	KO	VENUE
Mon 27 Aug 2012	Norwich City	14:00	H
Mon 03 Sep 2012	West Ham United (Upton Park)	19:00	A
Fri 14 Sep 2012	Blackburn Rovers (Ewood Park)	19:00	A
Mon 24 Sep 2012	Reading	19:00	H
Sun 30 Sep 2012	Everton	13:00	A
Mon 08 Oct 2012	West Brom	19:00	H
Mon 22 Oct 2012	West Ham United	19:00	H
Mon 29 Oct 2012	Norwich City (Norfolk FA)	14:00	A
Mon 05 Nov 2012	Arsenal	19:00	H
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Mon 19 Nov 2012	Blackburn Rovers	19:00	H
Mon 26 Nov 2012	Everton	19:00	H
Mon 03 Dec 2012	West Brom (West Brom Training Ground)	14:00	A

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MONDAY 27 AUGUST 2012

BOLTON WANDERERS

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COUNTY GROUND, KICK-OFF 2PM

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

ANDREW KELLETT

WORDS: EMMA NORRIS

ACADEMY PLAYER OF THE YEAR ANDREW KELLETT SPEAKS ABOUT HIS CONTINUED PROGRESS THROUGH THE ACADEMY AND DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

Many youngsters spend their childhood dreaming of one day playing first team football for the club they support and for Wanderers academy graduate Andy Kellett, that dream is on course to become a reality.

Having spent his early years grabbing any opportunity he could to get involved in the game, the defender was eventually spotted by the club's scouts at the age of seven whilst playing in a cup final for Bolton County at the Reebok Stadium.

Regardless of his tender years, Kellett revealed that he had no hesitation in making the decision to join Bolton in the hope that he might once again grace the hallowed turf of the Reebok, but as a professional player.

"I always wanted to play for the club," he explained. "It was fantastic when I got scouted, and obviously being a Bolton fan myself made it all the more special.

"It wasn't easy though - the first couple of years I thought that I struggled a bit, but obviously the club saw something to keep their faith in me and eventually I grew in belief that I could make it."

Despite a rocky start to his Wanderers career, the full-back went from strength to strength as he rose through the ranks before eventually making the breakthrough into the club's reserve team last season where he became a regular starter.

His impressive performances for John Henry's side did not go unnoticed, with the youngster earning himself both a professional contract and the prestigious Academy Player the Year award during the close season.

As a result of his success and as part of a Premier League initiative, the 18-year-old was invited out to Cape Town in South Africa during the summer to help coach a number of local children - something that Kellett himself admitted was an incredible experience.



"It was brilliant to be recognised for all the hard work which I put in last year, so I was really happy to win the award.

"I was a little bit apprehensive at first because the prize was coaching-based and I'm more focused on playing, but I had a great time and really enjoyed myself."

Looking ahead to the coming campaign Kellett, along with many of his fellow academy graduates, has high hopes.

He continued: "The main thing for me is to just improve all the time, and hopefully I can carry on from where I left off last year.

"Being a left-back, I can learn off the likes of Sam Ricketts and Marcos Alonso. I'm determined to breakthrough and get the chance to train with them in the first team.

"Marcos is only a few years older than me, so that gives me that extra incentive that it doesn't matter what age you are - if you're good enough to play then the manager will pick you."



FACTFILE

Name: Andrew Kellett

DOB: 10/11/1993

Place of Birth: Bolton

Position: Left-Back

Hobbies: Cricket and Motorbikes

Childhood Hero: Thierry Henry

Childhood Club: Bolton

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Currently in the collection are a number of sale items which are up for grabs at significantly reduced prices. Visit Bolton Central any day of the week or even on a matchday, either before kick-off or shortly after the full-time whistle.



SPECIAL OCCASION TREATS AVAILABLE 2012/13

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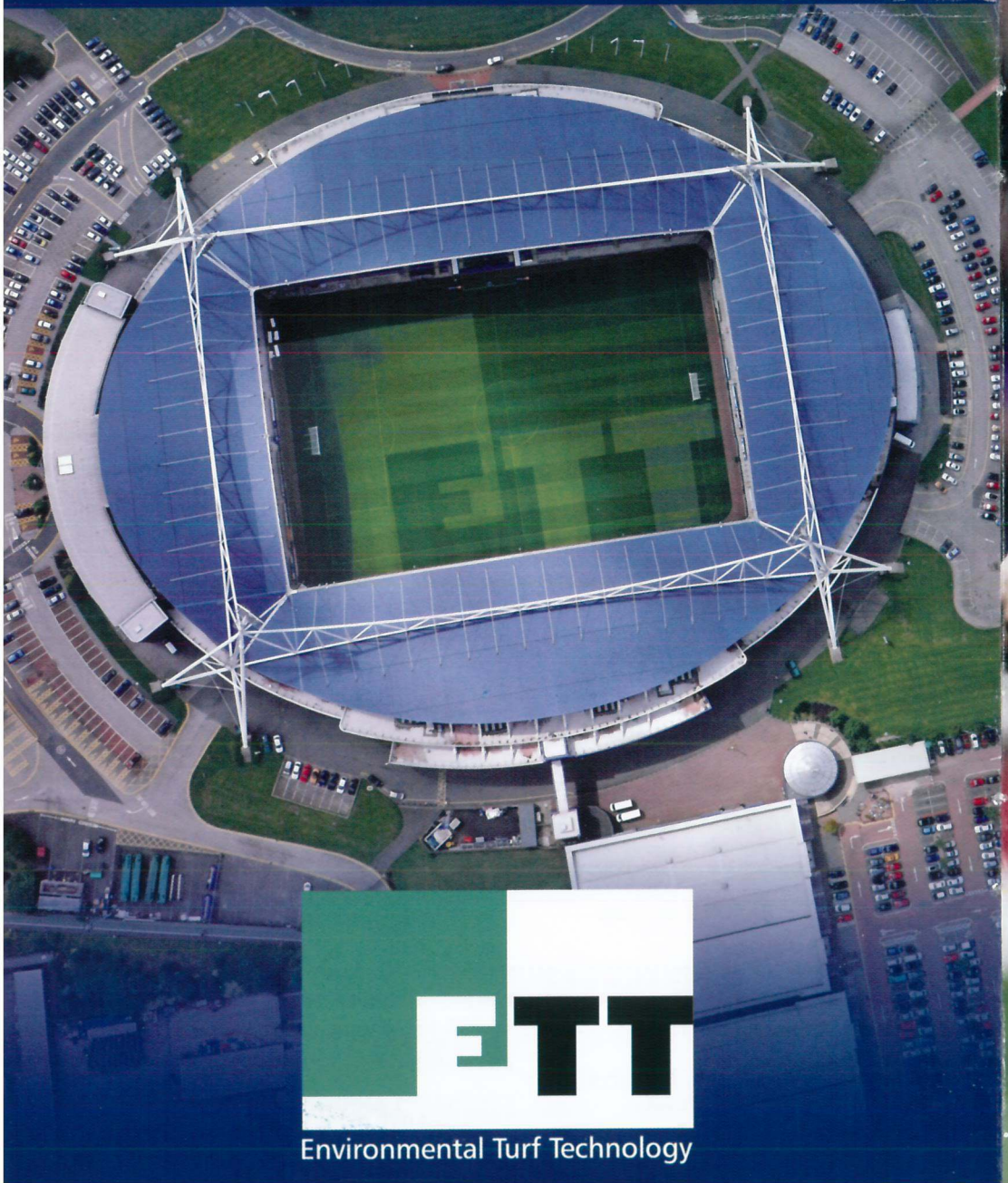
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Captain Darren Cox

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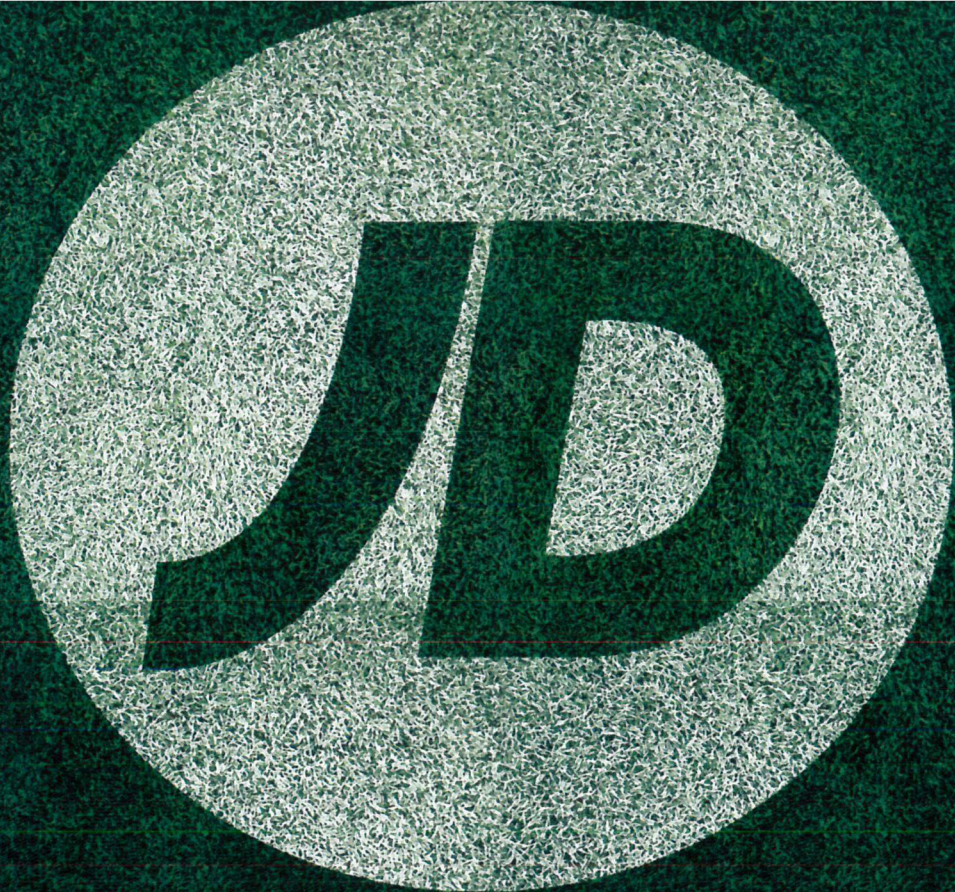
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JOHN MCGOVERN

WORDS: ROSS HEPPENSTALL

**FORMER WANDERERS
PLAYER-BOSS
JOHN MCGOVERN
OFFERS AN INSIGHT
INTO THE MIND OF OLD
BIG 'EAD, BRIAN
CLOUGH - A MAN WHO
HE PLAYED FOR AT
FOUR DIFFERENT
CLUBS**

Think of Nottingham Forest and the name Brian Clough immediately springs to mind - and nobody knew the late, legendary former City Ground boss better than John McGovern.

The former midfielder, 62, was the fulcrum as Clough guided Forest to a remarkable era of success, inspiring them to two European Cups, one league title and two League Cups.

What made McGovern's trophy haul all the more remarkable was the fact that he had achieved similar success under Clough at Derby County earlier in his career, winning the First Division championship with the Rams in 1972.

McGovern had a special relationship with Old Big 'Ead; he began his career under him at Hartlepool United and also played for him during an ill-fated spell at Leeds United.

McGovern, now a well-respected pundit who will be at the Reebok Stadium tonight as part of BBC Nottingham's commentary team, went on to serve Bolton as player-manager during the back end of his career.

McGovern helped Clough's Forest to become kings of Europe in successive seasons in 1979 and 1980. That merely cemented McGovern's already strong relationship with his manager.

He told the official matchday programme: "I think Cloughie respected the way I went about my business and I respected everything that he told me about the game because he had the annoying habit of always being right.

"When I put his coaching into practice on the football field, it benefitted the side and it benefitted myself. And it kept me in the side. People said 'you just did what he told you do to do' and I said 'yeah, and I've got a cupboard full of medals to prove it was the right thing to do'.



"The way he transformed Forest was incredible but it was the pace of it all. People talk about Derby or even Bolton, who are a similar type of club in some ways, and say to bring success you need time.

"But Clough brought success to Hartlepool United, to Derby County and to Nottingham Forest. The only blot on his copybook was probably mistakenly accepting the Leeds United job in between Derby and Forest. He'd actually been to Brighton as well, but that was also for a short spell.

"He was an exceptional person and if you met him you would remember him for the rest of your life. He was different to anybody else. I watched a documentary on Usain Bolt recently and his rivals who were trying to beat him. Bolt is very intelligent and Brian Clough was very intelligent. You learn from intelligent people.

"I suppose I was a good listener but if you're listening to an intelligent person and an outstanding football person such as Brian Clough, and you've got a bit of ability as I had, then you can't go far wrong. To have not made progress under Brian Clough I would have had to have been an absolute mug."

McGovern was still at Derby when Clough controversially resigned as manager in October 1973, but Clough took him to Leeds in August 1974 just after beginning what would be an ill-fated 44-day spell as manager of the Yorkshire giants.

"Leeds United was one of those lessons in life that things are never rosy all the time," admitted McGovern.

"You can't always have it your own way. It was certainly the major downturn in my career because I wasn't accepted by the Leeds United supporters. I don't think in all fairness that the senior players wanted me there either. They had their own agenda and I think the book and film 'Damned United' was a sensationalised account of a minimal part of his career. ►



"Having said that, Leeds was a disappointing time for me but to leave that situation and go to Nottingham Forest and end up doing something that none of the Leeds players ever did – and to do it twice – was quite pleasing.

"That's the extremes that you can go to in sport. We won European Cups and in a relatively short space of time the club went from being the only club to have been crowned European champions to play in the third tier of its own football league."

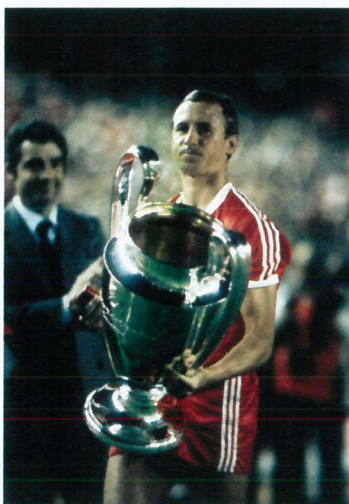
Despite the ups and downs, McGovern understandably looks back at his career with great pride.

He explained: "I won the First Division championship with Derby in 1972 and then with Forest in 1978. Some players go through their careers without winning anything, so to win the Championship with two different clubs was very special. It's something I'm very proud of.

"I was just one of the what you would call workers in the side, one of the lesser players, but it was nice at Forest to be captain. At Derby I was one of the younger players, so then go on to win it at Forest as captain was much more pleasurable.

"Some people think that winning the European Cup must have been the highlight of my career, but winning the league title is the acid test as to whether you're the best team in the country or not. If you're top of the league then you're the best team in the country."

McGovern transferred from Hartlepool to Derby for a fee of £6,500 in September 1968, and by January he had established himself in the Derby side that was to win promotion back to the top flight in 1969 and then won the First Division title three years later.



He recalled: "You could have said that I served my apprenticeship well at Derby after joining them from Hartlepool. To go on and win the league in 1972 at Derby – it's 40 years ago this year actually so we're having a bit of a celebration – I was one of

the younger players and you're bulletproof at that age. You do anything and can get away with it. It's a fantastic feeling, the fearlessness of youth certainly runs through your veins.

"But at Forest it was more of a deliberate thing in a way because you're not a youngster then; you're one of the ones who are expected to do it week in, week out. Consistency is what you're aiming for. Thankfully, at Nottingham Forest, because of the talent that surrounded me, I was able to be quite consistent."

Last month the Kuwaiti-based Al-Hasawi family completed their takeover of Forest after reaching terms to buy the late Nigel Doughty's controlling stake.

McGovern hopes the change of ownership can help to inspire an upturn in fortunes for the club on the field, although a repeat of the exploits that Forest achieved during his playing days remains some way off.

"Even though it was quite a long time ago, Forest fans still remember because it's written in the club's history," he said.

"To win the European Cup after winning promotion is something out of the ordinary. The supporters remember that and they've got new owners now who they hope will invest money in the club.

"You cannot bring success to a club unless you spend quite a lot of money. If you're prepared to spend a king's ransom you can actually buy the Premier League, as Manchester City have done, in a short space of time.

"Even when that has been done you still need the right manager with the right ability and the right humility. There are some chairmen who have spent millions of pounds and they haven't won anything. You have to have the right players and the right manager. I think the new owners want to restore the club to the Premier League. In some ways that would be a massive achievement, but in other ways perhaps not.

"In the past five or six years, Forest have been in the play-offs three times so it's only one league up. It's not like they've come in and Forest are bottom of League One. They're in the Championship, so they're only one step away from the promised land of the Premier League.

"They've got a decent manager now in Sean O'Driscoll, who has lots of experience at this level, which will certainly help. If the new owners back him, I'm sure we will perhaps see Forest again pushing for promotion if he has time to get a decent squad together.

"The Premier League is the promised land and Bolton Wanderers know that if you get there your supporters get to watch the likes of Liverpool, Manchester United and Arsenal.

"If they get it right, and they have still got a good manager there, then they have a chance. To get results in such a short space of time you have to be a genius. Thankfully, I worked for one in Brian Clough. But there aren't that many geniuses around."

McGovern joined Wanderers as player-manager in 1982/83, and he made a total of 16 League appearances for them before moving to Horwich RMI.

He said: "I really enjoyed time at Bolton to start with, but the lack of funds was a slight problem. I tried everything I could and had a lot of help from my assistant, Walter Joyce, who pointed

me in the right direction of players like Brian Borrows and other players who we brought to the club.

"He was a fantastic help to me because he knew that football scene up in the north-west, whereas I had only been involved in playing. I was very naive at knowing the quality of players at Bolton when I first arrived but Walter was a great help.

"Although we got relegated in the first season, that was purely down to the fact that we couldn't sign anyone, we couldn't get anyone in on loan... we couldn't do anything. The club managed to survive because Terry Edge put together a scheme called Lifeline.

"I even joined a running team in the town, which was formed with my approval and help to try and raise some money. I ran a marathon as well, so I tried my best and I really enjoyed my time there. Eventually it wore me down because there was no way out. There was cutback after cutback.

"When Terry Edge stepped down and Neil Riley took over, he should have just shaken my hand politely and said 'I'm bringing my own man in'. That's the way it should have been done.

"Instead it was a drawn-out affair where you're not getting any help. Criticism is being thrown at you which is totally unfounded and you end up getting the sack. I thought I'd tried everything to make a success of it."

What does McGovern do with his time nowadays?

"I live in Sheffield and at the moment I do a lot of after-dinner speaking," he said. "I cover the Forest games for BBC Radio Nottingham and I am also the resident host for the match sponsors. I also do motivational speaking and, having worked with Brian Clough, I feel like I know how to motivate people. I get to see the games and it's a great day out."





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OPPOSITION SUMMARY

Forest fans head into the 2012/13 season with a great deal of optimism after the club was recently taken-over by the Al-Hasawi family.

Hopes of a return to the Premier League for the first time since the end of the 1990s are higher than ever but the Forest faithful know that there is a lot of work to be done for that to happen at the first attempt under the new owners after they finished in 19th place last season.

SPY IN THE CAMP

Fraser Nicholson, Nottingham Forest's Media and Communications Manager, is hopeful of finishing high up in the Championship table this season.



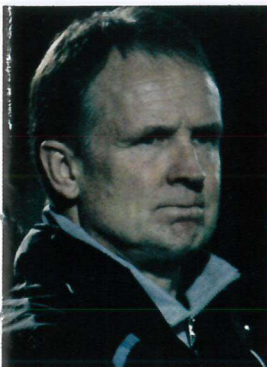
He said: "Every year the Championship becomes more and more competitive and this season is no exception.

"There's great optimism surrounding Forest, with new owners in the Al Hasawi family from Kuwait and a new manager in Sean O'Driscoll. Sean is no stranger to the division and has made several shrewd signings and I certainly believe Forest will be competitive.

"Sean brought in great experience during the summer in the likes of Danny Collins, Greg Halford and Dan Harding – guys who know what it takes to get out of this division, but I believe striker Dexter Blackstock could prove to be a key performer in the months ahead. He returned to action midway through last season after 12 months on the sidelines with a serious knee ligament injury and contributed eight goals to Forest's survival effort."

Despite the new confidence surrounding the City Ground side, Nicholson is fully aware that Forest will have a difficult task on their hands against Owen Coyle's men.

He added: "I must admit I was surprised that Bolton struggled last season and ultimately were relegated. I would be very surprised if they weren't among the front-runners for a quick-fire return to the Premier League. I'm hoping for a Forest win but think it will finish 1-1."



THE MANAGER

SEAN O'DRISCOLL

Born: Wolverhampton, England

Date of Birth: 01/07/1957

Born in Wolverhampton, O'Driscoll actually represented the Republic of Ireland at international level. O'Driscoll is best remembered for his playing career with Fulham and Bournemouth after he made a combined total of over 550 appearances for the two clubs.

The 55-year-old moved into management at Dean Court, spending six years in charge between 2000 and 2006, before later taking the reins at Doncaster where he lifted the Football League Trophy in 2007 and won promotion to the Championship in 2008.

Having spent just two months as Crawley manager following his appointment at the start of the summer, O'Driscoll was named Nottingham Forest boss in early August.

STAR MAN

ANDY REID

Born: Dublin, Ireland

Date of Birth: 29/07/1982

Position: Midfielder

Signed From: Blackpool (July 2011)

One of the most experienced players in the Championship, Andy Reid became Steve McClaren's first signing at Forest in the summer of 2011.



Reid started his career with Forest before moving to Tottenham in 2004 and has made 27 appearances for the Republic of Ireland.

The Irishman has a wealth of Premier League experience after spells with Sunderland, Tottenham and Blackpool as well as stints at Sheffield United and Charlton Athletic.

THE ONE TO WATCH

DEXTER BLACKSTOCK

Born: Oxford, England

Date of Birth: 20/05/1986

Position: Striker

Signed From: Queens Park Rangers (July 2009)

Despite making only 16 starts last season, Dexter Blackstock still ended the campaign with eight goals.

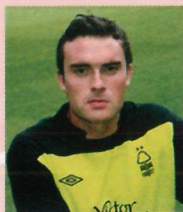
The striker is best known for his time at Queens Park Rangers where he scored 30 goals in 100 appearances.

Blackstock made his international debut for Antigua and Barbuda earlier this year but he was unable to prevent a 4-0 loss to Trinidad and Tobago.

The 26-year-old will inevitably score goals throughout the season, provided he stays fit, and he will be integral to Forest's hopes of promotion.



PLAYER PROFILES



LEE CAMP

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 22/08/1984

Position: Goalkeeper

A Northern Ireland international, Lee Camp has featured for England Under-21 side and made over 80 appearances for rivals Derby County. Camp enjoyed a brief spell at Queens Park Rangers before his move to Forest where he signed permanently in 2009 after joining the club on loan in 2008.



DAN HARDING

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 23/12/1983

Position: Defender

Signed from Championship runners-up Southampton, Dan Harding was Forest's third recruit of the summer. The defender started his playing career at Brighton before having spells with Leeds United, Ipswich Town, Reading and Southend prior to his time with The Saints.



SIMON GILLET

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 06/11/1985

Position: Midfielder

Simon Gillett is a versatile midfielder who signed for Forest from Doncaster on a free in the summer. The 26-year-old, who worked under Forest manager Sean O'Driscoll at Doncaster Rovers, previously had five years with Southampton at the start of his career, although during that period he had loan spells at Walsall, Bournemouth, Yeovil and Blackpool.



DANNY COLLINS

Nationality: Welsh

Date of Birth: 06/08/1980

Position: Defender

An experienced defender signed from Stoke City in the summer, 32-year-old Danny Collins has a wealth of football knowledge from all levels. Collins has earned 12 caps for Wales and has played for West Ham United and Sunderland as well as Chester and Vauxhall Motors.



GUY MOUSSI

Nationality: French

Date of Birth: 23/01/1985

Position: Midfielder

Signed from French club Angers SCO in 2008, Moussi is in his fifth season with Nottingham Forest. The midfielder is never one to shy away from a rough challenge and he is likely to be a big threat for Sean O'Driscoll's side throughout the season.



ADLENE GUEDIOURA

Nationality: Algerian

Date of Birth: 12/11/1985

Position: Midfielder

Despite being born in France, Guedioura plays international football for Algeria and has earned 14 caps for the national side. The 26-year-old signed from Wolves permanently in the summer for around £1million having spent the second half of the 2011/12 campaign on loan at the City Ground. He has a knack for scoring memorable goals after winning the Goal of the Season awards for both Wolves and Forest during his time in English football.



CHRIS COHEN

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 05/03/1987

Position: Midfielder

Signed from Yeovil in 2007, the 25-year-old midfielder has been a regular in the Forest side in recent years until last season when a knee injury kept him sidelined for the majority of the campaign. Cohen started his career at West Ham before making the switch to Yeovil and then on to the City Ground side.



SIMON COX

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 28/04/1987

Position: Striker

Simon Cox moved to the City Ground two weeks ago and scored his first goal for Forest in the 1-1 draw with Huddersfield. The Republic of Ireland international first came to light at Swindon Town where he averaged a goal nearly every two games. He had spent the previous three seasons playing his football with West Bromwich Albion.



LEWIS MCGUGAN

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 25/10/1988

Position: Midfielder

A product of Forest's youth academy, Lewis McGugan is now in his seventh full season with the club. The 23-year-old has already made nearly 200 appearances for Forest and has scored 35 goals from midfield, one of which was the 40-yard rocket against Ipswich, a strike that earned the midfielder the Goal of the Season award in 2010/11.



JONATHAN GREENING

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 02/01/1979

Position: Midfielder

Another player signed by former boss Steve McClaren, Jonathan Greening has had Premier League experience with West Brom, Middlesbrough, Fulham and even Manchester United. The midfielder made a total of 35 appearances for the club in the 2011/12 season and he is likely to be a key part of Sean O'Driscoll's plans in this campaign.



GREG HALFORD

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 08/12/1984

Position: Defender

Greg Halford, a versatile defender who also plays in midfield, was signed from Portsmouth in the summer after scoring seven goals in 44 appearances for the financially stricken club. Aged only 27, he has represented no less than nine clubs in his career to date. Standing at 6ft 4in tall, Halford will wear the number 15 shirt in his first season for the City Ground outfit.



MARCUS TUDGAY

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 03/02/1983

Position: Striker

Formerly of Forest's rivals Derby County, Marcus Tudgay has scored 13 goals in 62 appearances for The Reds. The striker also enjoyed a lengthy spell at Sheffield Wednesday where he netted 47 times in a six-year stay. He was named the Owls' Player of the Year in the 2008/09 campaign.

TEN-YEAR HISTORY

2002/03

Paul Hart's side were beaten 5-4 on aggregate by Sheffield United in the semi-finals of the play-offs to narrowly miss out on promotion to the Premier League.

League Position: 6th

2003/04

Forest failed to keep up after a good start in the First Division and a poor run of form saw Paul Hart being replaced by Joe Kinnear in February 2004.

League Position: 14th



2004/05

It was a bitterly disappointing league campaign for the Forest faithful as the club were relegated to League One after winning only nine of their 46 league matches.

League Position: 23rd

2005/06

A frustrating season saw Forest miss out on the League One play-off spots by two points as well as being shocked in three cup competitions by Chester, Woking and Macclesfield.

League Position: 7th

2006/07

Colin Calderwood guided the club to the play-off semi finals where Forest were beaten by Yeovil meaning a third successive season in England's third tier.

League Position: 4th



2007/08

Forest made a return to England's second tier after finishing in second place behind Swansea City in the League One table.

League Position: 2nd

2008/09

A disappointing start to the campaign saw Colin Calderwood replaced by Billy Davies who guided the club to safety.

League Position: 19th

2010/11

Another fantastic campaign under Billy Davies ended in disappointment as Forest were beaten in the play-offs by eventual winners Swansea City.

League Position: 6th



2009/10

In his first full season in charge, Billy Davies took Forest to a third place finish but his side were beaten 6-4 on aggregate by Blackpool in the play-off semi-finals.

League Position: 3rd

2011/12

Steve McClaren was announced as the new manager in June 2011 before resigning in October and being replaced by Steve Cotterill who just managed to preserve Forest's Championship status.

League Position: 19th

BRIAN CLOUGH

(1975-1993)

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 21/03/1935

Passed Away: 20/09/2004

Position: Manager

One of the most famous English managers of all time, Brian Clough was the mastermind behind two European Cup successes, one league title and four League Cups. A bronze statue of Clough was unveiled in Nottingham in 2008 in honour of the man who once said 'I wouldn't say I'm the best manager in the business, but I'm certainly in the top one'.



PETER TAYLOR

(1976-1982)

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 02/07/1928

Passed Away: 04/10/1990

Position: Assistant

The success under Brian Clough kicked-off when Peter Taylor joined Forest in 1976 after previously being in charge at Brighton. In his playing career, Taylor made a combined total of over 200 appearances for Coventry City and Middlesbrough as a goalkeeper and is regarded as a great in Forest history.

PETER SHILTON

(1977-1982)

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 18/09/1949

Position: Goalkeeper



England's record cap holder with 125 caps, Peter Shilton was a rock in goal throughout his time with Forest. The goalkeeper made over 200 appearances under Brian Clough after signing for £250,000 from Stoke City and remains one of the club's greatest players of all time. He played in 1,000 senior club matches in a career which started in 1966 and ended in 1997.

THE LAST MEETING

Date: 08/10/2001

Result: Bolton Wanderers 1-0 Nottingham Forest

Venue: Reebok Stadium

The last meeting between the two sides came over a decade ago as Bolton dumped Paul Hart's side out of the League Cup thanks to Rod Wallace's third minute strike.

A low crowd of only 6,881 fans were at the third round encounter at the Reebok Stadium but the home fans left happy as they set up a fourth round tie with Southampton.



JULIAN DARBY

WORDS:
WILL HUCKER & ROB URBANI

In this edition, the focus is Julian Darby, who clocked up over 300 appearances for Bolton as a player between 1986 and 1993.

Following his retirement just after the turn of the Millennium, the former midfielder moved into coaching, working alongside Billy Davies at Preston North End, Derby County and this evening's opponents Nottingham Forest.

But looking back over 25 years, for local Lancashire lad Darby, making it through the ranks at Burnden Park was the fulfilment of a dream and the beginning of a journey as a Wanderer which contained numerous highlights.

Darby's career has now come full circle, with the 44-year-old currently coaching in the club's academy alongside his former team-mates from his playing days at Burnden Park.



Recollections With Bolton Wanderers...

Darby said: "Bolton has always been the team that my family and I have supported. I was born over in the hospital in Farnworth and then to grow up and be involved with the club, even just as a ball boy at first, was fantastic.

"Back then the youth system was slightly different and I started through the schoolboy system before eventually joining the club as a 16-year-old. It was tough at times because the club had gone down the fourth division for the first time in its history. However, that allowed me to break into the team at the age of 18/19 and we got promoted in the 1987/88 season at the first attempt.

"I remember the last game of the season was at Wrexham and we knew we had to go and win, which luckily we did, 1-0. There was a pitch invasion at the end - it was a fantastic day. Arriving at the ground on the coach before the game, I remember seeing every pub completely full of Bolton fans and thinking, 'flipping heck, something special is going to happen today'.

"The following year we made it to Wembley for the final of the Football League Trophy where we beat Torquay 4-1 and I was fortunate enough to get our first goal. So that was another fantastic experience and the club just seemed to grow from then on.

"I was fortunate enough to play a couple of times at Wembley for England schoolboys when I was 15 against Scotland and West Germany, so I was lucky in that way. But then, to play at Wembley for Bolton and to walk out and see all 30,000 fans there supporting us was something else.

"Then again in 1991 we got to Wembley with the play-off final, although Tranmere beat us in extra time to go up to the second tier, so that was the other side of the coin - it's a fantastic place to win, but a horrible place to lose.



"Before that Bolton felt like the club had been on a bit of a downward spiral and winning that trophy seemed to turn things around and it gave us momentum as a club.

"In 1992/93, I was playing with a little injury and it just got worse and worse, and I ended up tearing my groin. Bruce Rioch took me to one side and told me that I should get this injury seen to because I wasn't doing myself any favours.

"In the time that I was out, which was about two months, the club brought in people like David Lee and Wanderers just seemed to move forward even further.

"It resulted in promotion against Preston on the last game of the season. John McGinlay scored - I actually played the last five games alongside him as centre forward, so that was another happy memory.

"Phil Neal had been my manager for six or seven years but a year earlier, in May 1992, he was sacked and ended up becoming assistant to Bobby Gould at Coventry in the Premier League. Bobby Gould left in October 93 which meant that Phil became manager and the first thing he did was to take me there.

"I got on really well with Phil anyway and the chance to play in the Premier League was something that I didn't want to turn down. I made my debut against Manchester United so I was going toe-to-toe with people like Paul Ince."



Recollections Of Entering The World Of Coaching And His Time At Forest...

Darby said:
"After I finished my playing career at Preston, David Moyes offered me a job coaching the youth teams. Shortly after, he moved to Everton and was replaced by Craig Brown who promoted me a little bit further up the coaching ladder."

"Things then really kicked on after that summer in 2009. The Chairman signed quite a few players and we were top of the league around January time. Unfortunately it just didn't quite work out that season and we ended up finishing third before getting knocked out in the play-offs to Blackpool. It was frustrating because maybe if we'd had another signing or two we might have made it over the line."

"Facing Blackpool was so hard because they were buzzing having just scraped into the play-offs. It was tough at Bloomfield Road and although we came away with a 2-1 defeat in the first leg, we still had a good chance because we were virtually unbeatable at the City Ground that year."

"In the second leg, Rob Earnshaw gave us the lead and it was 1-0 at half-time, so 2-2 overall. But in the second half we gave away a poor goal and we imploded. Blackpool obviously went on to win the game and got promoted when they beat Cardiff in the final."

"The season after that it was virtually same again. We felt a little bit short and didn't get any signings in during the summer, but we still played well throughout the season. We qualified for the play-offs again by finishing sixth which the fifth time in as many seasons that Billy and I had taken a side to the play-off when given a full campaign."

"We played Swansea which again was difficult and the first leg at the City Ground finished 0-0. We had so many chances in the away leg, but ended up losing 3-1. We were chasing it at 2-1, our keeper goes up for a corner and then Darren Pratley scored from the halfway line to seal it for Swansea in the final minute. Unfortunately that summer, we lost our jobs."

"Craig Brown was in charge for about 18 months before he was replaced by Billy Davies who moved me up as first team coach. In 2006 we left Preston and moved to Derby together and got promoted to the Premier League in our first season."

"We got battered most weeks but I loved being in the Premier League. To be honest, we knew the writing was on the wall when we couldn't really do what we wanted with the team. So in November 2007 we left and the following Christmas the job came up at Forest."

"When we first went in, the team had just got promoted back to the Championship with Colin Calderwood and they were struggling a little bit with that transition from League One. We just about managed to keep them up in those first six months that we were there, although we had to go unbeaten in our final six games of the season - winning three and drawing three - to achieve that."



The Present Day...

Darby said: **"It's been absolutely fantastic being back at Bolton, helping to coach the Under-16s in the academy. There are so many of the old players who I used to play with still knocking around."**

"The team spirit that you build at a football club often continues and it has here in the coaches' room as well. I'm really grateful to Jimmy Phillips for welcoming me onto his staff because it's very enjoyable being back at Bolton."

"As much as I enjoy working with first team professionals, if I can help a local youngster to play at the Reebok, which is a fantastic arena, that would be equally as satisfactory."





FIXTURES AND RESULTS



2012/2013

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AUGUST 2012													
SAT 18	15:00	A	BURNLEY	18,407	0	2	BOGDAN	MEARS	KNIGHT	REAM	RICKETTS	C.Y. LEE	
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FRI 24	19:45	H	NOTTINGHAM FOREST										
TUE 28	19:45	A	CRAWLEY TOWN CAP CUP R2										
SEPTEMBER 2012													
SAT 1	15:00	A	HULL CITY										
SAT 15	15:00	H	WATFORD										
TUE 18	19:45	A	BIRMINGHAM CITY										
SAT 22	15:00	A	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY										
WED 26			CAPITAL ONE CUP ROUND THREE										
SAT 29	15:00	H	CRYSTAL PALACE										
OCTOBER 2012													
TUE 2	20:00	H	LEEDS UNITED										
SAT 6	15:00	A	MILLWALL										
SAT 20	15:00	H	BRISTOL CITY										
TUE 23	19:45	A	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS										
SAT 27	15:00	A	MIDDLESBROUGH										
WED 31			CAPITAL ONE CUP ROUND FOUR										
NOVEMBER 2012													
SAT 3	15:00	H	CARDIFF CITY										
TUE 6	20:00	H	LEICESTER CITY										
SAT 10	15:00	A	BLACKPOOL										
SAT 17	15:00	H	BARNLEY										
SAT 24	15:00	A	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION										
WED 28	19:45	A	BLACKBURN ROVERS										
DECEMBER 2012													
SAT 1	15:00	H	IPSWICH TOWN										
SAT 8	15:00	A	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN										
WED 12			CAPITAL ONE CUP ROUND FIVE										
SAT 15	15:00	H	CHARLTON ATHLETIC										
SAT 22	15:00	A	PETERBOROUGH UNITED										
WED 26	15:00	H	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY										
SAT 29	15:00	H	BIRMINGHAM CITY										
JANUARY 2013													
TUE 1	15:00	A	LEEDS UNITED										
SAT 5			FA CUP ROUND THREE										
WED 9			CAPITAL ONE CUP SEMI-FINAL ONE										
SAT 12	15:00	H	MILLWALL										
SAT 19	15:00	A	CRYSTAL PALACE										
WED 23			CAPITAL ONE CUP SEMI-FINAL TWO										
SAT 26	15:00	H	PETERBOROUGH UNITED										
SAT 26			FA CUP ROUND FOUR										
FEBRUARY 2013													
SAT 2	15:00	A	WATFORD										
SAT 9	15:00	H	BURNLEY										
SAT 16	15:00	A	NOTTINGHAM FOREST										
SAT 16			FA CUP ROUND FIVE										
TUE 19	19:45	A	DERBY COUNTY										
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SAT 9			FA CUP ROUND SIX										
SAT 16	15:00	A	IPSWICH TOWN										
SAT 30	15:00	A	CHARLTON ATHLETIC										
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SAT 6	15:00	H	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS										
SAT 13	15:00	A	BRISTOL CITY										
SAT 13			FA CUP ROUND SEMI-FINAL										
TUE 16	19:45	A	LEICESTER CITY										
SAT 20	15:00	H	MIDDLESBROUGH										
SAT 27	15:00	A	CARDIFF CITY										
MAY 2013													
SAT 4	15:00	H	BLACKPOOL										
SAT 11			FA CUP FINAL										

Key: Goalscorers in Bold • Yellow Card • Red Card • First sub • Second sub • Third sub



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B IS FOR...

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THE GROUNDS



The Bescot Stadium

Wanderers have only ever made two visits to play Walsall since the Bescot Stadium was opened in 1990. The first was a 2-0 defeat in the 1999/00 season in a game which also saw on-loan defender Paul Ritchie sent off. The last trip to play the Saddlers on their own patch was in 2006; a 3-1 win that included second-half strikes from Kevin Nolan, Ivan Campo and Nicolas Anelka.

Bloomfield Road

Wanderers regularly made an annual trip to the seaside to play Blackpool, but since 1993 there has only been one match between the two clubs at Bloomfield Road. This took place at the end of the 2010/11 campaign and was decided by the odd goal in seven in Blackpool's favour.



Bramall Lane

Bolton could have been heading to south Yorkshire this season to play the Blades, but Danny Wilson's team fell at the final hurdle in their quest for promotion to League One last season, losing their play-off final on penalties to Huddersfield. Wanderers' last game at Bramall Lane was in 2006 and finished 2-2, with Kevin Davies on target against the club he supported as a child.



B IS ALSO FOR...

Burnden Park



Burnden Park was Bolton's home from 1895 until 1997 before the club moved to their new home, the £31.5million Reebok Stadium. Bolton's final home fixture at Burnden was a 4-1 win over Charlton Athletic - a result that ensured Colin Todd's team finished champions of Division One in the 1996/97 campaign.

Bicycle Kick

There have been some fantastic acrobatic goals scored over the last decade or so. Does anyone remember Youri Djorkaeff's effort at Charlton Athletic in March 2002 or Kevin Nolan's volley against Blackburn Rovers at the Reebok in January 2008?



THE PLAYERS

Malcolm Barrass

Now aged 87, Malcolm Barrass made a total of 357 appearances for Wanderers between 1946 and 1957. His true position was at centre-half, although he did once score four goals for Bolton as a forward against Manchester City in 1948. Barrass, who earned three England caps, is still living locally, being based in Bury.



Keith Branagan

Keith Branagan was the custodian in goal for Wanderers during a golden era for the club. He starred in the various cup runs in the early 1990s, but it is perhaps his dramatic penalty save against Reading in the 1995 play-off final that he is fondly remembered for by Bolton fans. Branagan re-established his connection with the club last season, taking up a role to identify and coach talented young goalkeepers in the local area.



Gudni Bergsson



Fans' favourite Gudni Bergsson served Bolton for eight years between 1995 and 2003 after joining from Tottenham Hotspur, wearing the captain's armband in the majority of that time. A courageous leader in the centre of defence, Bergsson had a reputation for chipping in with big goals in big games. After playing 306 matches for the club, he retired and returned to his native Iceland to become a lawyer.

Bosman Ruling



The Bosman ruling came into effect at the end of 1995 after Jean-Marc Bosman won his case against the Belgium FA. As a result, players became available to leave their club and join another within the European Union for free following the expiry of their contract, providing they were over the age of 23. Martin Petrov, Darren Pratley and Keith Andrews all joined Bolton on Bosman deals, following the expiry of their contracts at Manchester City, Swansea City and West Bromwich Albion respectively.

Bafana Bafana

Bolton Wanderers have had two players in recent times that have represented South Africa. Mark Fish arrived from Lazio in 1997 before leaving to join Charlton Athletic three years later. Quinton Fortune had a short spell at the Reebok Stadium the 2006/07 season, although he could only manage to make six appearances.





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BLACKPOOL v IPSWICH - 15:00
BRIGHTON v BARNLEY - 15:00
CHARLTON v HULL - 15:00
HUDDERSFIELD v BURNLEY - 15:00
MIDDLESBROUGH v CRYSTAL PALACE - 15:00
PETERBOROUGH v LEEDS UNITED - 15:00
SHEFF WED v MILLWALL - 15:00
WOLVES v DERBY - 15:00
WATFORD v BIRMINGHAM - 17:20

PLAYER STATISTICS

PLAYER	LEAGUE	LEAGUE CUP	FA CUP	TOTAL	PLAYER	LEAGUE	LEAGUE CUP	FA CUP	TOTAL
01 ADAM BOGDAN	2(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	2(0)0	21 DARREN PRATLEY	0(1)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(1)0
02 TYRONE MEARS	2(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	2(0)0	22 STUART HOLDEN	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0
03 MARCOS ALONSO	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	23 JOE RILEY	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0
04 MATT MILLS	1(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	1(0)0	24 ANDY LONERGAN	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0
05 TIM REAM	1(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	1(0)0	25 JOSHUA VELA	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0
07 CHRIS EAGLES	1(1)1	0(0)0	0(0)0	1(1)1	26 ROB LAINTON	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0
08 KEITH ANDREWS	2(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	2(0)0	27 CHUNG-YONG LEE	2(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	2(0)0
09 DAVID NGOG	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	30 MICHAEL O'HALLORAN	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0
10 MARTIN PETROV	1(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	1(0)0	31 DAVID WHEATER	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0
11 GREGG WYLDE	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	32 TOM EAVES	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0
12 ZAT KNIGHT	2(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	2(0)0	33 ADAM BLAKEMAN	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0
14 KEVIN DAVIES	2(0)1	0(0)0	0(0)0	2(0)1	35 JOE MCKEE	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0
16 MARK DAVIES	2(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	2(0)0	37 JACK SAMPSON	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0
17 BENIK AFOBE	0(2)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(2)0	38 SANMI ODELUSI	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0
18 SAM RICKETTS	2(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	2(0)0	39 ALEX MCQUADE	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0
19 MARVIN SORDELL	2(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	2(0)0	43 JAY LYNCH	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0

STARTS (SUBS) GOALS



JACK DEARDEN

THE BBC RADIO MANCHESTER COMMENTATOR CONTINUES
HIS COLUMN IN THE MATCHDAY PROGRAMME



So now we know. If anybody wasn't quite sure what the requirement is in the Championship, the first couple of matches have perfectly illustrated what will be needed during the course of this season.

Clearly there was disappointment at Burnley, but there was a massive improvement on Tuesday against Derby. In my view, the players went out there like they had a point to prove and ultimately got what they deserved which was a hard-earned victory and a clean sheet to go with it.

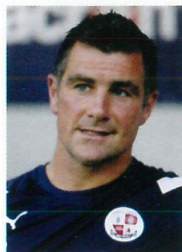


It's hard to judge the standard and level of performances until you get half a dozen matches into the season but a lot of people refer to the Championship as league where you have to grind out results and be patient. I think it's fair to say that Tuesday's game was a classic example of that.

The players will now be aware of the demands of this league and just to prove this point we are back here again this evening with another tough looking fixture before we take to the road on Tuesday for the Capital One Cup tie away at Crawley Town.

In my long and distinguished commentary career, I have never visited Broadhill Stadium before and, in all honesty, I can't say that I'm looking forward to it. From what I believe, it's near Gatwick airport and is about a five-hour drive from the Reebok – I've been on European trips with Bolton Wanderers and journeys to the continent haven't taken as long as it will do next Tuesday.

Whilst I'm not too excited about the journey, it will be good to meet again with the former Bury boss Richie Barker who took over the manager's job at Crawley earlier in the month. I got to know him suitably well during his time at Gigg Lane and he did a really good job with Bury last season with limited resources.



But Tuesday will be a big game for Crawley and a tricky one for Bolton. Whilst Wanderers will want to go as far as they can in the cup competitions this year, it shouldn't detract from the main priority of getting back into the Premier League. That was spelt out in no uncertain terms by the Chairman Phil Gartside during a live interview with BBC Radio Manchester ahead of the win over Derby.

Back to tonight's game and Nottingham Forest. I've got to say that for people like me, who have grown up watching football for such a long time, that it does surprise me with how Forest have struggled in the Football League over the last decade or so. Again, if any example is needed as to how hard it is to get out of this division, they are a prime case in point.

I do believe, however, that they have made a good appointment when Sean O'Driscoll was given the opportunity to become manager during the summer. He did very well at Doncaster Rovers and perhaps he can be the person who will restore Nottingham Forest to their former glory.

I would like to see them back in the top-flight because they are a Premier League club although, that said, you can say the same about a dozen teams in the Championship! I hope they have a good season, but I want the Wanderers fans to be going home happy at 9.45pm this evening.

Thanks for reading,
Jack.



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10 LEWIS MCGUGAN

11 ANDY REID

12 KARL DARLOW

14 JONATHAN GREENING

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16 JAMAAL LASCELLES

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18 BRENDAN MOLONEY

19 SIMON COX

20 MARCUS TUDGAY

23 DEXTER BLACKSTOCK

24 KIERON FREEMAN

25 ISHMAEL MILLER

26 DANIEL AYALA

27 MATT DERBYSHIRE

28 RADOSLAW MAJEWSKI

NEXT FIVE GAMES...

TUE 28 AUG - CRAWLEY TOWN V BOLTON WANDERERS (7.45PM - CAPITAL ONE CUP)

SAT 1 SEP - HULL CITY V BOLTON WANDERERS (3PM)

SAT 15 SEP - BOLTON WANDERERS V WATFORD (3PM)

TUE 18 SEP - BIRMINGHAM CITY V BOLTON WANDERERS (7.45PM)

SAT 22 SEP - SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY V BOLTON WANDERERS (3PM)

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